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This application is a continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/10151, filed 7 May 1999, designating the United States of America and claiming priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/084,842, filed May 8, 1998 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/103,355, filed October 7, 1998. Accordingly, the parent application, PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/10151, is pending today in the United States of America pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §363, and the subject continuation application is co-pending therewith in fulfillment of the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have hereinabove amended the specification on page 1 to insert the continuation data. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification present no issue of new matter and are fully supported by the specification. Applicants have amended the specification to recite the continuing data for the above-identified application.

Claims 1-78 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment applicants have canceled claims 8-13, 17-41, and 52-78 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application. Applicants have hereinabove amended claims 1, 2, and 42. Support for these amendments may be found inter alia on page 10, lines 19-24, and page 43, lines 12-15. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-7, 14-16, and 42-51 will be pending and under examination.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

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No fee other than the filing fee of \$355.00 is deemed necessary
in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any
other fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge
the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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